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Subject: **Clean Air Act (“CAA”) Section 114 Information Request –  
Supplemental Monthly Response**

Dear Mr. Eppler,

As agreed to during our meeting on December 20, 2011, Ticona Polymers, Inc. (TPI) is submitting the following update relating to the EPA's Section 114 Information Request. Per our email correspondence of July 3, 2012, this report is being submitted one week from the original due date of July 9, 2012. The team continues to work diligently on this project and will provide the next update by August 6, 2012.

The MO-4 and MO-3 flares were initially classified and designed to operate as non-assisted flares with center steam addition to prevent flash back. The status of both flares has changed to steam assisted due to the addition of center steam. According to 40 CFR Part 60 (Codes of Federal Regulation), flares shall be used only with the net heating value of the gas being combusted at 300 BTU/SCF or greater if the flare is steam-assisted. The BTU value of both flares was calculated using the Lower Heat Value (LHV) of each component in the vent gas stream. The analysis of current NHV of both flares (using 272 BTU/SCF as hydrogen's LHV) suggests that both unit flares will require modification. However, the adjusted LHV value of hydrogen (1212 BTU/SCF) was implemented based on guidance from the EPA. The adjusted LHV value of hydrogen was used to calculate the limit for the net heating value of the gases in the combustion zone ( $NHV_{cz-limit}$ ), which is the new recommended NHV limit instead of the NHV value of 300 BTU/SCF. See Appendix A.

This calculated limit based on the adjusted hydrogen LHV must exceed the  $NHV_{cz}$  of the flare ( $NHV_{cz} \geq NHV_{cz-limit}$ ). The calculations indicated that MO-3  $NHV_{cz-limit}$  is 336.7 BTU/SCF and the current  $NHV_{cz}$  is approximately 361.5 BTU/SCF. Therefore, the MO-3 flare already satisfies the regulatory requirement and does not need any modification.

The combustion zone limit calculations for the MO-4 flare suggest that the unit requires more natural gas to meet the regulatory requirement. For the MO-4 flare the  $NHV_{cz-limit}$  is calculated to be 343 BTU/SCF and the current  $NHV_{cz}$ , at high rates, is approximately 312.8 BTU/SCF. A project is being implemented to eliminate this deficiency and successfully meet the natural gas capacity to the MO-4 flare. Conversation with

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personnel from the manufacturer of the current MO-4 and MO-3 flares, Calladius Technology, confirmed that the flares have the capacity to operate at higher natural gas rates.

Additionally, MO-4 does not require 550M SCFH of natural gas when it is not flaring at high rates. Our future goal is to optimize this system by implementing ratio control. Ratio control will reduce the unnecessary use of natural gas during lower rates and/or start-ups.

## Flare Design Requirement and Results

In increasing the natural gas flow to the flare, the following parameters were considered: the tip velocity, NHV of the vent gas, stack height, back pressure and radiation on the ground level. These calculations can be found in Appendix A.

The required net heating value is 300 BTU/SCF for steam-assisted flares and 200 BTU/SCF for non-steam assisted flares. These limits differ when the adjusted net heating value of hydrogen is utilized. The new combustion zone-limit is calculated using the following mathematical equations.

- Lower Flammability Limit (LFL) of the vent gas mixture

$$LFL_{vg} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i}{LFL_i} \right)} \quad \text{Eq. 1.1}$$

This calculation uses the weighted average of the LFLs of the individual compounds weighted by their volume fraction of the vent gas. The lower LFLvg for MO-3 is 16% (vol%) and LFLvg for MO-4 is 20% (vol%).

- Net Heating Value (NHV) of the vent gas

$$NHV_{vg} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i * NHV_i) \quad \text{Eq. 1.2}$$

The adjusted net heating value for hydrogen, 1212 BTU/SCF, was implemented in the vent gas NHV calculation.

- NHV of the vent gas at its LFL (NHVvg-LFL)

$$NHV_{vg-LFL} = NHV_{vg} * LFL_{vg} \quad \text{Eq. 1.3}$$

This value is used to calculate the new combustion zone limit based on the adjusted hydrogen LHV.

- Combustion efficiency Multipliers to calculate the Net Heating Value Combustion Zone-Limit (NHV<sub>cz-limit</sub>)

$$NHV_{cz-limit} = (A + B * x_{propylene}) * NHV_{vg-LFL} \quad \text{Eq. 1.4}$$

Eq. 1.4 is a standard equation used in combustion zone limit calculations. However, the MO-4 and MO-3 process vent does not consist of any propylene; therefore, the following simplified equation is used.

$$\text{NHV}_{\text{cz-limit}} = (A) * \text{NHV}_{\text{vg-LFL}} \quad \text{Eq. 1.5}$$

Variable A is based on Table 1.

Minimum Steam	VOC Vent Gas Concentration	A Multiplier	B Multiplier*	
			Condition A	Condition B
≤1000 lb/hr	≤20.0%	6.45	4.0	0.0
≤1000 lb/hr	>20.0%	6.85	4.0	0.0
>1000 lb/hr	≤20.0%	7.1	4.0	0.0
>1000 lb/hr	>20.0%	7.4	4.0	0.0

\*The B Multiplier used depends on the relationship of hydrogen and propylene in the vent gas as follows:  
Condition A:  $3 \leq \text{H}_2 \leq 8$  and Propylene%  $\geq \text{H}_2$ % (all percentages are volume or mole percentages)  
Condition B: Any condition not meeting the requirements for Condition A.

The Net Heating Value of the gases in the Combustion Zone of a flare is required to ensure acceptable combustion efficiency. Because the adjusted hydrogen LHV is considered in the NHV calculation, the  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz-limit}}$  is an adjusted limit which is required to be satisfied in order to comply with this EPA regulation. The  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz-limit}}$  for MO-3 is calculated to 337 BTU/SCF and for MO-4 is 343 BTU/SCF.

➤ **NHV of the Combustion Zone Gas ( $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}}$ )**

$$\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}} = \frac{(Q_{\text{vg}} * \text{NHV}_{\text{vg}}) + (Q_{\text{ng}} * \text{NHV}_{\text{ng}})}{Q_{\text{vg}} + Q_{\text{ng}} + Q_{\text{steam}}} \quad \text{Eq. 1.6}$$

The net heating value (NHV) calculation in the combustion zone combines the NHVs of the natural gas (fuel gas), vent gas, and steam. The NHV of steam is considered to be zero; therefore, it has no combustion contribution. The volumetric flow of the natural gas, vent gas and steam are measured by on-line flow meters. Equation 1.5 utilizes volumetric flow rate and net heating values for each stream to calculate the  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}}$ . The calculated  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}}$  for MO-3 is 341.94 BTU/SCF and MO-4 is 312.79 BTU/SCF. The  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}}$  for MO-3 is already above the calculated combustion zone limit ( $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}} \geq \text{NHV}_{\text{cz-limit}}$ ), so does not need any modification. The  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz}}$  value and  $\text{NHV}_{\text{cz-limit}}$  value for MO-4 differ by approximately 30 BTU/SCF. The MO-4 flare will require modifications in order to satisfy EPA regulations.

Hydraulic calculations show that the current natural gas system serving the flare does not have the capability of flowing 550M SCFH. To increase the available pressure drop across the flow control valve, the current natural gas pipeline must be modified. By enlarging a section of 6" pipe to 8" pipe will provide sufficient available pressure drop across the flow control valve to exceed the volumetric flow of 550M SCFH. See Appendix B for hydraulic calculations.

The Code of Federal Regulation part 60<sup>1</sup> also states that steam-assisted and non-steam assisted flares shall be designed and operated with an exit velocity less than 60 ft/s.

The calculated exit velocity (with steam) for MO-3 is 46.9 ft/sec and MO-4 is 51.6 ft/sec. See Appendix A for calculations and Appendix C for references.

By implementing Celanese standard practice, the height of the current flare was analyzed utilizing 500 BTU/SCF as the permissible design level (K). The MO-4 and MO-3 flares are in locations where there is constant traffic present. This K value provides calculations resembling accepted radiation at any location where personnel with appropriate clothing are present continuously. Therefore, utilizing this radiation limit in the analysis provides safe radiation at ground level.<sup>4</sup>

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{\tau F Q}{4\pi K}} \quad \text{Eq. 1.7}$$

Equation 1.7 was used to determine the minimum distance from a flare to an object/person (ground level). Based on API 521,  $\tau$ , the fraction of heat intensity transmitted, was considered to be 1. The Gas Processors Suppliers Association<sup>2</sup> and Callidus Technologies suggested a value of 0.12 for  $F^3$ , fraction of heat radiated, which is based on the emissivity values for flared gases. The Q value, heat release in BTU/SCF, used in this calculation simulates a worst case scenario for today's operations. Based on this equation, the required height of the flare is concluded to be 139.9ft for safe exposure to radiation at any location where personnel with appropriate clothing may be continuously exposed. The height of the MO-4 flare stack today is 140ft, which satisfies the required flare height for safe radiation at ground level according to Celanese's process safety standards. See Appendix C for API 521 references.

Back pressure caused by higher natural gas rates was also analyzed. The MO-4 unit can potentially trip on high AMR because of high back pressure, which potentially could result from additional natural gas in the seal pot. The back pressure analysis (hydraulic calculations), using PIC 631 and PIC 647, as illustrated in Figure 1, suggested that the increase in back pressure is approximately 1"wc (water column), which does not affect the unit during normal operation.

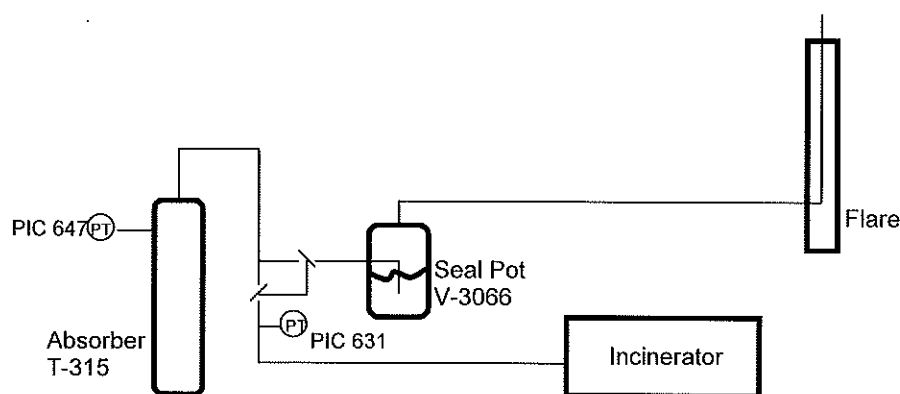


Figure 1

The material of construction or the integrity of the flare at higher natural gas rates was also a concern. The manufacturer of the MO-4 flare was contacted, Callidus

Technologies, and assured that the MO-4 flare has the capacity to operate at higher natural gas rates.

## Conclusion

Calculations for MO-4 BTU value illustrated a deficiency of approximately 30 BTU/SCF, which can be met by increasing the natural gas rates to the flare by approximately 166M SCFH. This project will replace nearly 300ft of 6" pipe with 8" pipe and install a 6" control valve in place of a 4" control valve at a cost of \$250M +/- 50%.

## Appendix A

Calculations: BTU, Tip velocity, Flare height, Radiation



Appendix A BTU  
Calcs.xls



Appendix A MO-4 NG  
CV.xls

## Appendix B

Hydraulic calculations



Appendix B  
Hydraulics Calcs.xls

## Appendix C

References



Appendix F -  
References.pdf

GUR flare –TPI has been in contact with Allen Brookey and Jim Franklin of John Zink Co., to determine the appropriate steam to vent gas ratio for that flare. After providing the flare information that was requested, Mr. Brookey replied "this

information is a bit of a "holy grail" in terms of flare engineering. For turn down cases such as these, we cannot yet accurately predict what the destruction efficiency is." TPI has determined that all center steam to the flare will be eliminated in order to prevent the vent to gas ratio exceeding 2 as was established in our December 20, 2011 meeting.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (361) 584-6104.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buddy Joyner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Buddy Joyner  
Sr. Environmental Specialist II

# Appendix A

Calculations: BTU, Tip velocity, Flare  
height, Radiation

MO4 vent sample data taken on 05/18/2012			(High hydrogen BTU value)										
	Mole%	Lower Heating Value	Vent Gas Flow	Vent Gas Flow	LFL (% Vol)	Vent Gas Flow	Natural Gas	Steam Flow	Steam Flow	Natural Gas	Natural Gas	Net Flare BTU Value	
Hydrogen	19	1212	402.401	408.5941	0.04	236.9247	937	12	256.8667	384.15	390.0622	312.7855	
Argon-O2	0.697	0	14.76176	14.98895	Not flammable								
Nitrogen	71.637	0	1517.2	1540.55	Infinity								
Carbon Monoxide	0.973	320.9	20.60717	20.92432	0.125								
Carbon Dioxide	7.334	0	155.3268	157.7173	Not flammable								
Methane	0.001	907.74	0.021179	0.021505	0.044								
Methyl Formate	0.3	1023.29	6.3537	6.451485	0.045								
Methylal	0	2041.45	0	0	0.016								
Methanol	0.058	764.45	1.228382	1.247287	0.06								
Benzene	0	3579.07	0	0	0.013								
Methoxymethylal	0	2869.58	0	0	0.014								
	100	Total Veng Gas Rate		2150.495									
Vent Gas BTU Value	BTU/hr	MBTU/hr											
Hydrogen	4.95E+08	495216.0112											
Argon-O2	0	0											
Nitrogen	0	0											
Carbon Monoxide	6714613	6714.613424											
Carbon Dioxide	0	0											
Methane	19520.9	19.52090421											
Methyl Formate	6601740	6601.740387											
Methylal	0	0											
Methanol	953488.7	953.4886672											
Benzene	0	0											
Methoxymethylal	0	0											
		509505.3746											
BTU/SCF		236.9246854											
Using Celanese NG LHV													
LFLVG	0.203899	vol %											
NHVG	236.9247	BTU/SCF											
NHVG-LFL	48.30859	BTU/SCF											
NHVCZ-limit	342.991	BTU/SCF											
NHVCZ	312.7855	BTU/SCF											
Adjusted NHVCZ	346.5438	BTU/SCF											
Tip velocity	51.65199	ft/sec											
Flare height	139.9046	ft											

at 500 BTU/ft^2 permissible design level



Chemical Engineering Article June 28, 1971, Figure 7 for 1.4 SG Solids

Nominal Sch	Fr No Cv	0.5		1									
		1		10									
		B =		A =									
		0.30103		-0.69315									
				2		3							
				Sch 10S		Sch 40S							
		Pipe ID		2.157		3.068		inches					
Nominal D	STD	XS	XXS	Sch 20	Sch 40	Sch 80	Sch 160	Sch 5S	Sch 10S	Sch 40S	Sch 80S		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
0.5	0.622	0.546	0.252		0.622	0.546	0.466	0.71	0.674	0.622	0.546		
0.75	0.824	0.742	0.434		0.824	0.742	0.612	0.92	0.884	0.824	0.742		
1	1.049	0.957	0.599		1.049	0.957	0.815	1.185	1.097	1.049	0.957		
1.25	1.38	1.278	0.896		1.38	1.278	1.16	1.53	1.442	1.38	1.278		
1.5	1.61	1.5	1.1		1.61	1.5	1.338	1.77	1.682	1.61	1.5		
2	2.067	1.939	1.503		2.067	1.939	1.687	2.245	2.157	2.067	1.939		
2.5	2.469	2.323	1.771		2.469	2.323	2.125	2.709	2.635	2.469	2.323		
3	3.068	2.9	2.3		3.068	2.9	2.624	3.334	3.26	3.068	2.9		
3.5	3.548	3.364			3.548	3.364		3.834	3.76	3.548	3.364		
4	4.026	3.826	3.152		4.026	3.826	3.438	4.334	4.26	4.026	3.826		
5	5.047	4.813	4.063		5.047	4.813	4.313	5.345	5.295	5.047	4.813		
6	6.065	5.761	4.897		6.065	5.761	5.187	6.407	6.357	6.065	5.761		
8	7.981	7.625	6.875	8.125	7.981	7.625	6.813	8.407	8.329	7.981	7.625		
10	10.02	9.75	8.75	10.25	10.02	9.75	8.5	10.482	10.42	10.02	9.75		
12	12	11.75	10.75	12.25	11.938	11.374	10.126	12.438	12.39	12	11.75		
14	13.25	13		13.376	13.124	12.5	11.188	13.688	13.624				
16	15.25	15		15.376	15	14.312	12.812	15.67	15.624				
18	17.25	17		17.376	16.876	16.124	14.438	17.67	17.624				
20	19.25	19		19.25	18.812	17.938	16.062	19.624	19.564				
22	21.25	21		21.25		19.75	17.75	21.624	21.564				
24	23.25	23		23.25	22.624	21.562	19.312	23.564	23.5				
26	25.25	25		25									
28	27.25	27		27									
30	29.25	29		29				29.5	29.376				
32	31.25	31		31	30.624								
34	33.25	33		33	32.624								
36	35.25	35		35	34.5								



Transmitter Specification Sheet									
Process Data									
Transmitter Number		FT-761			Flowsheet		177-FS-066		
Description		Fuel Gas to MOIV Flare Stack							
Stream Properties									
wt%		Temperature		90 °F		32.2222 °C			
91 Methane		MW (liquid)		16.85102		0		0	
5.19 Ethane		Tc		-107.407 °F		-77.4482 °C			
1.3 Propane		Pc		653.3645 psia		45.04773 bar			
0.7 Butane		Vc		100.949 ml/mole		0		0	
0.406 Pentane		Density		0.042075 Lb/ft^3		#NUM!		g/cc	
0.812 Carbon Dioxide		Specific Gravity		0.581752		0		0	
0.49 Nitrogen		Ideal Vapor Pressure		540200.6 mmHg ABS		720211.1 mbar			
0		Ideal Vapor Pressure		10431.08 psig		720.2111 bar ABS			
0		Heat of Vaporization		#NUM! BTU/lb		#NUM! cal/g			
0		Heat Capacity		-4.15267 BTU/lb-°F		-4.15267 cal/g-°C			
		Viscosity		3.07E-06 cP		3.07E-09 Pa-sec			
		Conductivity		0.00199 BTU/ft-hr-°		8.22E-06 cal/cm-sec-°C			
		Surface tension		#NUM! dynes/cm		#NUM! N/m			
Transmitter Data									
		Flow Rate		Flow Rate		Pressure Drop		Upstream Pressure	
Minimum		350 MSCFH		15.5 Mpph		36.12 psi		39.1 psig	
Normal		555 MSCFH		25 Mpph		17.9 psi		25.9 psig	
Maximum		630 MSCFH		28 Mpph		5.38 psi		17.38 psig	
Mechanical Construction									
		Pressure Rating		150 psig		400 degF			
		Material of Construction		316		Wetted Parts (if different)			
		Failure Mode		High					
		Pipe Line Size		6"		Schedule 40			
		Weatherproofing (freeze Protect/Trace/Purge)		Vortex Flowmeter		Purge Fluid			
Transmitter Range									
Units		scfh		Trans Range High		700		Trans Range Low	
				Alarm High				Alarm Low	
				Alarm Dev High		+10%		Alarm Dev Low	
				Shutdown High				Shutdown Low	
Comments		See FCV-761 for pressure drop						Date: 41100	
								Engr: SMP	

Control Valve Specification Sheet									
Process Data									
Valve Number		FT-X2			Flowsheet		01-FS-952		
Description		TX-1 Reflux Control Valve							
Stream Properties									
wt%				Temperature		90 °F		32.22222 °C	
91 Methane				MW (liquid)		16.85102		0	
5.19 Ethane				Tc		-107.407 °F		-77.4482 °C	
1.3 Propane				Pc		653.3645 psia		45.04773 bar	
0.7 Butane				Vc		100.949 ml/mole		0	
0.406 Pentane				Density		#NUM!		Lb/ft^3	
0.812 Carbon Dioxide				Specific Gravity		#NUM!		0	
0.49 Nitrogen				Ideal Vapor Pressure		540200.6 mmHg ABS		720211.1 mbar	
0		0		Ideal Vapor Pressure		10431.08 psig		720.2111 bar ABS	
0		0		Heat of Vaporization		#NUM!		BTU/lb	
0		0		Heat Capacity		-4.15267 BTU/lb-°F		-4.15267 cal/g-°C	
				Viscosity		3.07E-06 cP		3.07E-09 Pa-sec	
				Conductivity		0.00199 BTU/ft-hr-°		8.22E-06 cal/cm-sec-°C	
				Surface tension		#NUM!		dynes/cm	
Control Valve Data									
		Flow Rate		Flow Rate		Pressure Drop		Upstream Pressure	
Minimum		#NUM! gpm		107.9383 Mpph		#NUM! psi		#NUM! psig	
Normal		#NUM! gpm		107.0112 Mpph		#NUM! psi		#NUM! psig	
Maximum		#NUM! gpm		106.4704 Mpph		#NUM! psi		#NUM! psig	
Shut Off D		100.8698 psi							
Mechanical Construction									
Pressure Rating				150 psig		400 degF			
Material of Construction				316		Wetted Parts (if different)			
Failure Mode				open					
Pipe Line Size				3"		Schedule		10	
Comments Pressure drop includes DP across FT-X2									
Date:		40155							
Engr:		RAD							

Control Valve Specification Sheet									
Process Data									
Valve Number		FCV-761			Flowsheet		117-FS-066		
Description		Fuel Gas to MOIV Flare Stack							
Stream Properties									
wt%		Temperature		90 °F		32.2222 °C			
91.1 Methane		MW (liquid)		16.85102		0		0	
5.19 Ethane		Tc		-107.407 °F		-77.4482 °C			
1.3 Propane		Pc		653.3645 psia		45.04773 bar			
0.7 Butane		Vc		100.949 ml/mole		0		0	
0.406 Pentane		Density		0.042075 Lb/ft^3		#NUM!		g/cc	
0.812 Carbon Dioxide		Specific Gravity		0.581752		0		0	
0.49 Nitrogen		Ideal Vapor Pressure		540200.6 mmHg ABS		720211.1 mbar			
0		Ideal Vapor Pressure		10431.08 psig		720.2111 bar ABS			
0		Heat of Vaporization		#NUM!		#NUM!		cal/g	
0		Heat Capacity		-4.15267 BTU/lb-°F		-4.15267 cal/g-°C			
		Viscosity		3.07E-06 cP		3.07E-09 Pa-sec			
		Conductivity		0.00199 BTU/ft-hr-°		8.22E-06 cal/cm-sec-°C			
		Surface tension		#NUM!		#NUM!		N/m	
Control Valve Data									
		Flow Rate		Flow Rate		Pressure Drop		Upstream Pressure	
Minimum		350 MSCFH		15.5 Mpph		36.12 psi		39.1 psig	
Normal		555 MSCFH		25 Mpph		17.9 psi		25.9 psig	
Maximum		630 MSCFH		28 Mpph		5.38 psi		17.38 psig	
Shut Off D		55 psi							
Mechanical Construction									
Pressure Rating		150 psig		400 degF					
Material of Construction		CS		Wetted Parts (if differ		CS			
Failure Mode		Close							
Pipe Line Size		6"		Schedule		40			
Comments									
Pressure drop includes pressure drop across FT-761						Date:		41100	
						Engr:		SMP	

# Appendix B

## Hydraulic calculations



# Appendix C

## References



**§ 60.18 General control device requirements.**

(a) *Introduction.* This section contains requirements for control devices used to comply with applicable subparts of parts 60 and 61. The requirements are placed here for administrative convenience and only apply to facilities covered by subparts referring to this section.

(b) *Flares.* Paragraphs (c) through (f) apply to flares.

(c)(1) Flares shall be designed for and operated with no visible emissions as determined by the methods specified in paragraph (f), except for periods not to exceed a total of 5 minutes during any 2 consecutive hours.

(2) Flares shall be operated with a flame present at all times, as determined by the methods specified in paragraph (f).

(3) Flares shall be used only with the net heating value of the gas being combusted being 11.2 MJ/scm (300 Btu/scf) or greater if the flare is steam-assisted or air-assisted; or with the net heating value of the gas being combusted being 7.45 MJ/scm (200 Btu/scf) or greater if the flare is nonassisted. The net heating value of the gas being combusted shall be determined by the methods specified in paragraph (f).

(4)(i) Steam-assisted and nonassisted flares shall be designed for and operated with an exit velocity, as determined by the methods specified in paragraph (f)(4), less than 18.3 m/sec (60 ft/sec), except as provided in paragraphs (b)(4)(ii) and (iii).

(ii) Steam-assisted and nonassisted flares designed for and operated with an exit velocity, as determined by the methods specified in paragraph (f)(4), equal to or greater than 18.3 m/sec (60 ft/sec) but less than 122 m/sec (400 ft/sec) are allowed if the net heating value of the gas being combusted is greater than 37.3 MJ/scm (1,000 Btu/scf).

(iii) Steam-assisted and nonassisted flares designed for and operated with an exit velocity, as determined by the

methods specified in paragraph (f)(4), less than the velocity,  $V_{max}$ , as determined by the method specified in paragraph (f)(5), and less than 122 m/sec (400 ft/sec) are allowed.

(5) Air-assisted flares shall be designed and operated with an exit velocity less than the velocity,  $V_{max}$ , as determined by the method specified in paragraph (f)(6).

(6) Flares used to comply with this section shall be steam-assisted, air-assisted, or nonassisted.

(4) Owners or operators of flares used to comply with the provisions of this subpart shall monitor these control devices to ensure that they are operated and maintained in conformance with their designs. Applicable subparts will provide provisions stating how owners or operators of flares shall monitor these control devices.

(e) Flares used to comply with provisions of this subpart shall be operated at all times when emissions may be vented to them.

(f)(1) Reference Method 22 shall be used to determine the compliance of flares with the visible emission provisions of this subpart. The observation period is 2 hours and shall be used according to Method 22.

(2) The presence of a flare pilot flame shall be monitored using a thermocouple or any other equivalent device to detect the presence of a flame.

(3) The net heating value of the gas being combusted in a flare shall be calculated using the following equation:

$$H_T = K \sum_{i=1}^n C_i H_i$$

where:

$H_T$ —Net heating value of the sample, MJ/scm; where the net enthalpy per mole of offgas is based on combustion at 25 °C and 760 mm Hg, but the standard temperature for determining the volume corresponding to one mole is 20 °C;

$$K = \text{Constant}, -7 \left( \frac{1}{\text{ppm}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{g mole}}{\text{scm}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{kcal}} \right)$$

where the standard temperature for  $\left( \frac{\text{g mole}}{\text{scm}} \right)$  is 20 °C;

$C_i$ —Concentration of sample component  $i$  in ppm on a wet basis, as measured for organics by Reference Method 18 and measured for hydrogen and carbon monoxide by ASTM D1946-77 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 60.17), and  $H_i$ —Net heat of combustion of sample component  $i$ , kcal/g mole at 25 °C and 760 mm Hg. The heats of combustion may be determined using ASTM D282-76 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 60.17) if published values are not available or cannot be calculated.

(4) The actual exit velocity of a flare shall be determined by dividing the volumetric flowrate (in units of standard temperature and pressure), as determined by Reference Methods 2, 2A, 2C, or 2D as appropriate; by the unobstructed (free) cross sectional area of the flare tip.

(5) The maximum permitted velocity,  $V_{max}$ , for flares complying with paragraph (c)(4)(ii) shall be determined by the following equation.

$$\text{Loge } (V_{max}) = (H_T + 28.8) / 31.7$$

$V_{max}$ —Maximum permitted velocity, M/sec

28.8=Constant

31.7=Constant

$H_T$ —The net heating value as determined in paragraph (f)(3).

(6) The maximum permitted velocity,  $V_{max}$ , for air-assisted flares shall be determined by the following equation.

$$V_{max} = 8.706 + 0.7094 (H_T)$$

$V_{max}$ —Maximum permitted velocity, m/sec

8.706=Constant

0.7094=Constant

$H_T$ —The net heating value as determined in paragraph (f)(3).

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**§ 60.19 General notification and reporting requirements.**

(a) For the purposes of this part, time periods specified in days shall be measured in calendar days, even if the word "calendar" is absent, unless otherwise specified in an applicable requirement.

(b) For the purposes of this part, if an explicit postmark deadline is not specified in an applicable requirement for the submittal of a notification, application, report, or other written communication to the Administrator, the owner or operator shall postmark the submittal on or before the number of days specified in the applicable requirement. For example, if a notification must be submitted 15 days before a particular event is scheduled to take place, the notification shall be postmarked on or before 15 days preceding the event; likewise, if a notification must be submitted 15 days after a particular event takes place, the notification shall be delivered or postmarked on or before 15 days following the event. The use of reliable non-Government mail carriers that provide indications of verifiable delivery of information required to be submitted to the Administrator, similar to the postmark provided by the U.S. Postal Service, or alternative means of delivery agreed to by the permitting authority is acceptable.

(c) Notwithstanding time periods for postmark deadlines specified in this part for the submittal of information to the Administrator by an owner or operator, or the review of such information by the Administrator, such time periods or deadlines may be changed by mutual agreement between the owner or operator and the Administrator. Procedures governing the implementation of this provision are specified in paragraph (f) of this section.

(d) If an owner or operator of an affected facility in a State with delegated authority is required to submit periodic reports under this part to the State, and if the State has an established timeline for the submission